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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 3, 1998 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the October 3, 1997 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 3, 1997 Office Action was originally due January 3, 1998. Applicants hereby respectfully request a three-month extension of time. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00). A response to the October 3, 1997 Office Action is now due April 3, 1998. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 44-68 without prejudice applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter in a future divisional or continuation applications.